

The Cobra

"Would you slow down?" panted Gina, who was struggling to keep up with her younger brother.

Austin ignored his sister. He was on a mission to reach the amusement park's most thrilling roller coaster before the line got too long.

"Are you *sure* you want to ride The Cobra? I rode it when I was your age, and I vowed never to ride it again," said Gina.

"Yep! I've been waiting my whole life for this!" answered Austin.

Gina rolled her eyes. "Don't say I didn't warn you."

"I still remember last year when I stood in line for over an hour, and then when I finally reached the front of the line, the man wouldn't let me ride," recalled Austin.

"I *told* you that standing on your tiptoes wouldn't work, but you *insisted* on trying it," said Gina.

Austin stopped. "Here's the entrance. Are you coming with me or not?"

"No way! I'll wait for you here. Good luck- you're going to need it by the time The Cobra gets done with you!" teased Gina.

1. In this passage, what is The Cobra?
2. Why wasn't Austin allowed to ride The Cobra last year?
3. How does Austin feel about riding The Cobra?